

Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor of Political Science
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I. Education:

- PhD. Political Science: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2012
Specialization: Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
- M.A. Political Science: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005
- B.S. Political Science (major) English (minor): North Dakota State University
(honors), 2002

II. Academic Positions:

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| 2023 (Spring)- | Associate Professor Texas A&M University – San Antonio |
| 2022 (Fall) | Department Chair Texas Lutheran University |
| 2019-2022 (Fall) | Associate Professor Texas Lutheran University |
| 2013-2019 | Assistant Professor Texas Lutheran University |
| 2013 (Spring) | Adjunct Professor University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Nebraska Wesleyan University |
| 2011-2012 (Fall) | Visiting Lecturer University of Nebraska-Kearney |
| 2010-2011 | Visiting Lecturer Carroll University |
| 2009-2010 | Visiting Lecturer University of Nebraska-Kearney |
| 2006-2009 | Instructor University of Nebraska-Lincoln |

III. Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University-San Antonio
Federal Government
International Relations
Comparative Politics
The Executive
International Human Rights
American Political Institutions

Texas Lutheran University
Survey Research Methods
Data Analysis for Social Science
Introduction to American Politics
Introduction to International Relations
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Global Environment: Politics and Economics
Environmental Politics
Europe and Advanced Democracies
Asia and Development
Politics of the Developing World
Electoral Politics
State and Local Politics
Causes of War and Peace
Honors Directed Readings
Freshman Experience

University of Nebraska-Kearney:
International Studies: China Field Experience
Introduction to American Politics
Introduction to International Relations
American Foreign Policy
Democracies Around the World
War and World Politics

Carroll University
Introduction to American Politics
Social Science Inquiry
Contemporary Global Politics
Politics of the World's Nations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Global Studies Capstone: Global Cooperation
Democracy and Citizenship
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to International Relations
Power and Politics in American Democracy

Problems in International Relations
Causes of War and Peace
Public Issues in America

Nebraska Wesleyan University
International Human Rights

Other Professional Experience
Faculty Reader Comparative Government, College Board Advanced Placement
Program, Educational Testing Services, 2009-2017

IV. Research:

Research Areas

Human Rights, International Law and Organization, Environmental Politics U.S.
Foreign Policy, Migration

Books

Braaten, Claire Nolasco, and Daniel Braaten. 2023. *Benched Justice: How Judges Decide Asylum Claims and Asylum Rights of Unaccompanied Minors*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

Journal Articles

Braaten, Daniel. 2022 “A Triangle of Vulnerability: Global Demand for Resources, Political Marginalization, and a Culture of Impunity as Causes of Environmental Defender Killings.” *Human Rights Quarterly* 44(3): 537-563.

Braaten, Daniel. 2021 “Human Rights – What Does the Future Hold?” *International Studies Review* 23(3): 1164-1178.

Braaten, Daniel, and Claire Nolasco Braaten. 2021 “Children Seeking Asylum: Determinants of Asylum Claims by Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S. from 2013-2017.”* *Law & Policy* 43(2): 97-125.

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Nolasco, Claire Angelique, and Daniel Braaten. 2021 “The Role of Hospitable and Inhospitable States in the Process of Refugee Resettlement in the United States.” *Journal of Refugee Studies* 34(1): 634-662.

Nolasco Braaten, Claire, and Daniel Braaten. 2019 “Suffer the Little Children to Come: Legal Rights of Unaccompanied Alien Children under United States Federal Court Jurisprudence.” *International Journal of Refugee Law* 31(1): 55-82.

Braaten, Daniel, Maui Orozco, and Jonathan Strand. 2019 “Voting for Green? U.S. Support for Environmental Projects in the Multilateral Development Banks.” *Journal of Environment and Development* 28(1): 28-53.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2017 “Walking a Tightrope: Human Rights, Basic Human Needs and U.S. Support for Development Projects in the Multilateral Development Banks” *Human Rights Review* 18(1): 45-66.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2014 “Determinants of U.S. foreign policy in multilateral development banks: The place of human rights” *Journal of Peace Research* 51(4): 515-527.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2014 “Which Countries, Which Rights? U.S. Human Rights Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks.” *Journal of Human Rights* 13(2): 205-229.

Rapkin, David P. and Dan Braaten. 2009. “Conceptualising Hegemonic Legitimacy.” *Review of International Studies* 35(1): 113-149.

Book Chapters

Braaten, Daniel and David P. Forsythe. 2023. “Human Rights.” in *International Organization and Global Governance* 3rd Edition eds. Thomas G. Weiss and Rorden Wilkinson. London: Routledge.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2015 “Ambivalent Engagement: Human Rights and the MDBs.” in *Global Economic Governance and the Development Practices of the Multilateral Development Banks* eds. Susan Park and Jonathan R. Strand. London: Routledge.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2009. “World Trade Organization.” in *Encyclopedia of Human Rights* ed. David P. Forsythe. New York: Oxford University Press.

Braaten, Daniel B. 2009. “Human Rights and Soft Law: Alternative Paths for New Challenges.” in *Negotiating Sovereignty and Human Rights* eds. Noha Shawki and Michaelene Cox. Ashgate Publishing.

Working Papers

“Anti-Environmentalism as Conservative Coalition Maintenance: An Automated Text Analysis of *National Review*” with Albert Chiu and Ridwan Noel (revise and resubmit at *Environmental Politics*)

“(Mostly)Business as Usual: The Continuity of U.S. Engagement in Multilateral Development Banks from 2004-2021.” with Tina Zappile and Jonathan R. Strand (revise and resubmit at *International Relations*)

“Sanctions Type and Repression” with Emily Naasz and Angela Martinez

Other Writing (book reviews, short articles, op-eds, invited blog posts, etc)

“The big winner of the second Trump administration and America’s self-sabotage is China.” *San Antonio Express News*, August 8, 2025.

<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/u-s-sabotage-china-leads-not-america-first-20801845.php>

“It’s not up to the Texas governor to decide what can be taught in colleges.” *San Antonio Express News*, April 12, 2025.

<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/sb37-college-curriculum-20269353.php>

“Texas is Taking Out Shared Governance & Academic Freedom in One Shot.” *AAUP-Texas Blog*, April 1, 2025. <https://aaup-texas.org/blog/f/texas-taking-out-shared-governance-academic-freedom-in-one-shot>

“Rather than check President Trump, Congress has become a rubber stamp.” *San Antonio Express News*, February 27, 2025.

<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/congress-checks-balances-20189642.php>

“Let’s live up to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” *San Antonio Express News*, December 13, 2023.

<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/human-rights-wwii-oppression-18547618.php>

“Immigrant children’s best interests are not being considered by legal system.” *Dallas Morning News*, November 8th, 2023, with Claire Nolasco Braaten.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2023/11/08/unaccompanied-children-immigration-asylum/>

“What would a new Cold War between China and the US mean for human rights?” *Open Global Rights*, April 27, 2023.

<https://www.openglobalrights.org/new-cold-war-China-US-human-rights/>

“Texas GOP’s Assault on Higher Education is Straight Out of the Authoritarian Playbook.” *Texas Signal*, April 18, 2023. <https://texassignal.com/op-ed-texas-gops-assault-on-higher-education-is-straight-out-of-the-authoritarian-playbook/>

“Abbott’s Border Wall Meets the Endangered Milkweed.” *Deceleration*, April 17, 2023, with Jennifer G. Correa and Joseph M. Simpson
<https://deceleration.news/2023/04/17/abbot-border-wall-endangered-milkweed/>

“A Better Border Plan Involves Fixing the Asylum Process.” *San Antonio Report*, February 27, 2023. <https://sanantonioreport.org/a-better-border-plan-involves-fixing-the-asylum-process/>

“Why Environmental Defenders Are Under Threat.” *Political Violence At A Glance*, August 5, 2022. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2022/08/05/the-vulnerabilities-land-and-environmental-defenders-face-and-how-to-counteract-them/>

“What Dan Patrick fears about tenure.” *San Antonio Express News*, February 25, 2022, with Claire Nolasco Braaten.
<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/Commentary-What-Dan-Patrick-fears-about-tenure-16947905.php>

“What Influences Immigration Judges.” *Academic Minute*, October 25, 2021, with Claire Nolasco Braaten. <https://academicminute.org/2021/10/daniel-braaten-texas-lutheran-university-what-influences-immigration-judges/>

“US immigration judges considering asylum for unaccompanied minors are ‘significantly influenced’ by politics.” *The Conversation*, July 13, 2021, with Claire Nolasco Braaten <https://theconversation.com/us-immigration-judges-considering-asylum...unaccompanied-minors-are-significantly-influenced-by-politics-160071>

Review of “Rights as Weapons: Instruments of Conflict, Tools of Power.” *E-International Relations*, February 21, 2021. <https://www.e-ir.info/2021/02/21/review-rights-as-weapons-instruments-of-conflict-tools-of-power/>

“U.S. Senate should expel Ted Cruz.” *San Antonio Express News*, January 8, 2021. <https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/Commentary-U-S-Senate-should-expel-Ted-Cruz-15853213.php>

“What we can learn from studying ‘Who Killed Berta Caceres’” *Waging Nonviolence*, July 22, 2020. <https://wagingnonviolence.org/ipra/>

Review of “Not Enough: Human Rights in an Unequal World.” *E-International Relations*, October 25, 2018. <https://www.e-ir.info/2018/10/25/review-not-enough-human-rights-in-an-unequal-world/>

Review of “Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century.” *E-International Relations*, April 7, 2018.
<https://www.eir.info/2018/04/07/review-evidence-for-hope-making-human-rights-work-in-the-21st-century/>

“Hummingbirds” *BlueLakeReview*. March 2018.
<http://bluelakereview.weebly.com/hummingbirds.html>

“Higher Education in the Age of Trump.” *Intersections*. Spring, 2017. 6-11
<http://digitalcommons.augustana.edu/intersections/>

“Is Donald Trump a Legitimate President?” *Partially Examined Life*. January 26th, 2017.
<https://partiallyexaminedlife.com/2017/01/26/is-donald-trump-a-legitimate-president/>

“The Legitimacy of American Hegemony in the Age of Trump” *Duck of Minerva*. December 3rd, 2016.
<http://duckofminerva.com/2016/12/the-legitimacy-of-american-hegemony-in-the-age-of-trump.html>

V. Conference Presentations, Invited Talks, and Panels:

“Sanctions Variation and Repression.” Presented at Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2025 with Emily Naasz and Angela Martinez

“Anti-Environmentalism as Conservative Coalition Maintenance: An Automated Text Analysis of *National Review*” Department of Criminology and Political Science Brownbag Series, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, December 6th, 2024.

“Join or Die” Film Screening Panel, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, September 30th, 2024 with Joseph Simpson and Emily Naasz

“Benched Justice: How Judges Decide Asylum Claims and Asylum Rights of Unaccompanied Minors.” College Seminar Series, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, November 16th, 2023 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“The Board of Immigration Appeals and Asylum Claims by Unaccompanied Minors.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference September 2023 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“Benched Justice: How Judges Decide Asylum Claims and Asylum Rights of Unaccompanied Minors.” Texas Lutheran University, November 2022

“Business as Usual? Assessing Four Years of Trump’s Foreign Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) as a Boundary of the ‘Withdrawal Doctrine.’” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2022 with Tina Zappile

“A Good Lawyer is Hard to Find: Effective Counsel in Asylum Proceedings for Unaccompanied Minors” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, October 2021 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“Conservative Environmentalism? An Automated Text Analysis of *National Review*, 2009-2020” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021

“‘2 legit 2 quit?’ America’s Hegemonic Legitimacy” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2021

“Children Seeking Asylum: An Analysis of the Political and Legal Factors Influencing Asylum Claims by Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S., 2013-2017” presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, November 2019 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“The Role of Hospitable and Inhospitable States in the Process of Refugee Resettlement in the United States.” Texas Lutheran University, October 2019 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“Children Seeking Asylum: An Analysis of the Political and Legal Factors Influencing Asylum Claims by Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S., 2013-2017” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2019 with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“The End of the Liberal World Order? Not So Fast... The Global Economic Order Will Do Just Fine Without U.S. Leadership” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2019 with Tina Zappile and Jonathan R. Strand

“Killing the Protectors: Determinants of Environmental Activist Killings” presented at American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2018.

“‘You Don’t Have to Live Like a Refugee’ The Politics of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S. States.” University of the Philippines, Manilla. June 7, 2018.

“‘Comparativising’ The Introductory to American Politics Course” presented at Engaging Pedagogy: 2018 TLU Conference on Teaching and Learning, May 2018

“‘You Don’t Have to Live Like a Refugee’ The Politics of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S. States.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2018. with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“Persona Non Grata No More? Legal Rights of Unaccompanied Alien Children Under United States Federal Court Jurisprudence” Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, February 2018. with Claire Nolasco Braaten

“The Determinants of Accountability Mechanism Complaints in the Multilateral Development Banks.” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2016.

“Global Environmental Governance and Caring for the Earth: The Role of the Multilateral Development Banks.” presented at the Association of Lutheran College Faculties Conference, September 2015.

“Teaching Students to Think Like Researchers.” presented at Engaging Pedagogy: 2015 TLU Conference on Teaching and Learning, May 2015. with Amelia Koford, Collin Bost, and Mark Dibble.

“U.S. Foreign Policy and the Multilateral Development Banks: The Place of Human Rights.” Texas Lutheran University, May 2015

“Greening Principals and Agents? American Support for Environmental Lending Projects in the Multilateral Development Banks” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, February 2015. with Maui Orozco and Jonathan R. Strand

“China’s Hegemonic Potential: Is it Legit?” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2014. with Yue Zou

“Basic Human Needs, Human Rights, and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2013

“U.S. Foreign Policy in a Globalized World” invited presentation at World Leaders Camp, University of Nebraska-Kearney, July 2012

“Human Rights Obligations of Transnational Corporations” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2012

“Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks” presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, September 2010

“The Lone Cowboy: Individualism, Public Opinion, and American Foreign Policy” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2010 with Shih-Yi Albert Chou

“U.S. Human Rights Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks” presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2010

“Determinants of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Multilateral Development Banks: The Place of Human Rights” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, February 2010

“Transnational Corporation, Human Rights, and the United Nations: The Global Compact as Soft Law” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, March 2008

“Conceptualizing International Legitimacy” presented at the “Pathways to Legitimacy” Conference, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, University of Warwick, September 2007 with David P. Rapkin

“Conceptualizing International Legitimacy” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, March 2007 with David P. Rapkin

“Human Rights Norms and Multinational Corporations: The Case of Nike” presented at the Midwest International Studies Association Conference, November 2006

“The U.S. as a Global Consumer: Providing a Global Public Good?” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2006 with Tina F. Mueller.

“Autonomy and International Organizations: The Case of the World Bank.” Presented at the Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, April 2006.

Other Conference Activity:

Discussant: International Order and Organizations in Security, Corruption, and Beyond: American Political Science Association Virtual Research Meeting, April 2025.

Discussant: The Effect of Perspectives and Worldviews on Understanding Global Environmental Problems: International Studies Association Conference, March 2025.

Discussant: Disinformation and State Atrocity: American Political Science Association Conference, September 2023

Discussant: Human Rights, Trafficking, and Democratic Quality: American Political Science Association Conference, September 2023

Program Chair: Human Rights: Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2023

Chair: Foreign Policy and International Organizations: American Political Science Association Conference, August 2018.

Discussant: International Institutions and Human Rights Compliance: American Political Science Association Conference, September 2016

Discussant: Economic Statecraft: American Political Science Association Conference, September 2016

Chair: Security in the Shadow of Hegemons, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2014

Chair: Recognition As Foreign Policy: Contrasting Approaches, International Studies Association Conference, April 2013

Chair/Discussant: Mad Men and Politics, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2011

Chair/Discussant: Comparative Politics-Race, Religion, and Conflict. Great Plains Political Science Association Conference, September 2008.

Discussant: Promoting Economic and Social Rights. American Political Science Association Conference, August 2008.

VI. Awards and Grants

External

American Association of University Professors, Konheim Travel Fund, Summer 2023: \$1,000

National Science Foundation IUSE Program, Mathematical Modeling Across the Curriculum – Texas Lutheran University, Summer 2019 and 2020: \$6,000

Texas A&M San Antonio

Children Seeking Asylum: An Analysis of the Political and Legal Factors Influencing Asylum Claims by Unaccompanied Minors in the U.S., 2013-2017.” Peer-Reviewed Competitive Research Grant
College of Arts and Sciences Summer Faculty Research Grant for 2019

Texas Lutheran University

Research Sabbatical Spring 2022
Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021
Academic Research and Development Grant 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021
Faculty-Student Summer Research Funding, Summer 2018

University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Senning Summer Research Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009
Department of Political Science Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year 07-08
Graduate Assistantship 2003 – 2008

North Dakota State University

Curtis A. Amlund Distinguished Student Award, Spring 2002
Phi Sigma Alpha Honors Society, Spring 2002
Golden Key National Honor Society, Fall 1999

VII. International Study

“International Studies: ‘China Field Experience’” Program Leader for Semester Long Study Abroad Program in Shijiazhuang China, University of Nebraska-Kearney, August-December 2012

“Peace and Prosperity in Vietnam” under the direction of Dr. Patrice McMahon
University of Nebraska-Lincoln July-August 2007.

VIII. University, Faculty, and Professional Service

University Service

Technology, Teaching, and Learning Committee Carroll University 2010-2011
Assistant Coordinator Model United Nations, University of Nebraska-Kearney 2012
Institutional Review Board, Texas Lutheran University 2014-2015
First Year Experience Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2014-2016
Co-Curricular Module (Starlit Discussion Series Coordinator), Texas Lutheran University 2015-2017
Wellness Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2015-2018
Faculty Procedures Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2015-2018, 2020-2022

Student Government Association Faculty Advisor, Texas Lutheran University
 2015-2018, 2020-2021
 Title IX Ad Hoc Campus Climate Survey Committee, Texas Lutheran University
 2016-2018
 Environmental Studies Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2016-2017, 2018-
 2020
 Environmental Sustainability Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2017-2022
 Institutional Assessment Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2017-2020, Fall
 2022
 Economics Faculty Search Committee, Texas Lutheran University Fall 2017
 Chemistry Faculty Search Committee, Texas Lutheran University Spring 2018
 Sociology Faculty Search Committee, Texas Lutheran University Spring 2021,
 Fall 2021, Fall 2022
 Curriculum Committee, Texas Lutheran University Spring 2018
 IT Advisory Committee, Texas Lutheran University 2018-2020
 Political Science Program Review, Texas Lutheran University 2020
 Future Jaguar Days, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
 Political Science Faculty Search Committee, Texas A&M-San Antonio Summer
 2023
 College Promotion Committee for Academic Professional Track Faculty, Texas
 A&M-San Antonio Fall 2023, Fall 2024
 Political Science Faculty Search Committee Texas A&M-San Antonio Fall 2023
 (2 searches)
 Department of Criminology and Political Science Faculty Evaluation Committee
 (both professional track and tenure track) Spring 2024, Fall 2024
 Department of Criminology and Political Science Faculty Development Leave
 Committee Fall 2024
 Political Science Faculty Search Committee Texas A&M-San Antonio Fall 2024
 Department of Criminology and Political Science Brownbag Coordinator Fall
 2023-

Faculty Service

Secretary of AAUP Chapter, Texas A&M University – San Antonio 2023-2025
 President of AAUP Chapter, Texas A&M University – San Antonio 2025 -

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of
 Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *International
 Studies Review*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies
 Quarterly*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Laws*, and *Global Governance*

APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation Award Committee 2024

External Tenure Reviewer: Texas A&M University – International (2024), Albion
 College (2024)

IX. Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association

X. Relevant Work Experience

North Dakota State Legislature
Legislative Intern, Spring 2003